



**Syracuse  
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## Slutzker Center News and Events

### Academic Success

The Slutzker Center staff hopes that all SU international students have a semester filled with academic success, but that can be difficult.

Many students wait until it is too late in the semester to get the academic support they need. Writing well organized and logical papers in English, proper citation, knowing how to prepare for exams, principles of good note-taking, class participation, and developing relationships with your professors can be quite overwhelming for international students studying in an American university.

If you feel that you need support in any of these areas, please take advantage early in the semester and write to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu) for advice. Please include your name, SU-ID and a description of the situation. A staff member will respond to your mail in a timely manner. We also encourage you to use the resources available on the [Academic Success](#) section of our website.



### Fulbright Scholars Enjoy Sampling Syracuse Food Tour

Last weekend, Fulbright Scholars from Indonesia, Argentina, Togo, Tunisia, Chile, South Africa, Colombia, Pakistan and Mauritius spent the day sampling the great food that Downtown Syracuse has to offer.

The event was sponsored by the [Fulbright Association](#), Central New York Chapter and organized by Elane Granger of the Slutzker Center. New and continuing Fulbright students from both Syracuse University and SUNY ESF were led on a guided walking tour, sampling such culinary delights as peanut butter cupcakes, Irish potatoes, and pulled pork sandwiches.



You can schedule your own food tour by visiting the [Sampling Syracuse](#) website. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

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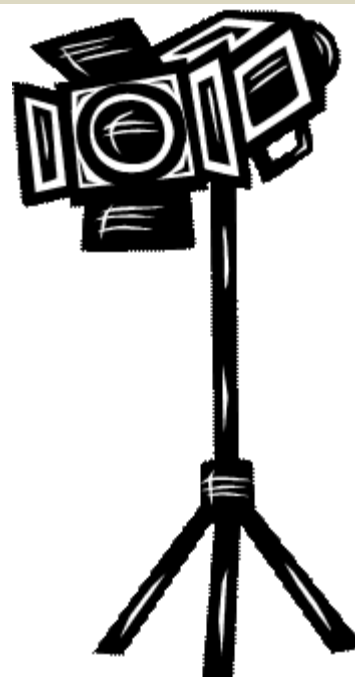
## **IS<sup>2</sup>** International Student Spotlight

The international students at SU are an exceptional group of people. Some of the best athletes and most talented students are members of the international community, but they remain hidden in the crowd.

The Slutzker Center wants to shine a spotlight on them, so that others can see the unique gifts our international students possess and the diversity and global views they bring to Syracuse. That is why we have created the new

**IS<sup>2</sup>** feature of this newsletter.

If you are an international student at SU, and would like to share your story, please write to us at [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu). We may feature you in the next edition of SCIS news.



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## **Picture of the Week**

This picture was taken by Rohan Bajaj in Dharamshala, India. Rohan just started his Master's program in Computer Science at SU. He took this picture while solo trekking from Dharamshala to Triund. This location is the part of India where the Dalai Lama resides.



For the chance to have your picture featured as Picture of the Week, please send it via email to [lescis@syr.edu](mailto:lescis@syr.edu) with the subject line of "Picture of the Week." Submissions can be from anywhere on the globe!

## Immigration News and Events

### Avoiding Scams

Over the past several months, there have been reports of phone scams targeting international students. Just last week, an international student here at SU, notified the Slutzker Center that someone claiming to be from the IRS called and threatened the student with deportation if they didn't send money immediately.

If you receive a similar phone call, you should not give out any of your personal information. Ask the person for their name, who they are working for, and their phone number. Tell them you will call them back or simply just hang up. Please understand that no one from the IRS, USCIS, or any other US government agency would ask for money over the phone.

For more information on how to avoid or report scams, please visit the [USCIS Avoid Scams website](#).



### Canadian Consulate Strike May Affect Visa Processing Times

If you are an international student planning to visit Canada, you may have to wait longer than expected to get your tourist visa. The Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers (PAFSO) union is currently taking

strike action. PAFSO union members responsible for processing visa applications have been walking out of offices in Canada and overseas without advance notice.

Despite the strike, the Department aims to process applications as quickly as possible, and encourages visitors, workers and students to [apply online](#) or to visa application centers (VACs). The nearest visa application center is in [New York City](#).



## Syracuse University Events

### **Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Event Schine Atrium, September 16, 12-3pm**

Gather in the Schine Atrium to learn about Syracuse University's celebratory month celebrations! Enjoy Latin dancing, Latin cuisine and much more! FREE lunch on Monday, September 16 when you sign up for one of the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) events.

This month they are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a series of events. The festivities include art, food, music, and even a domino tournament. For more information visit the [OMA website](#) or drop by their office at 105 Schine to pick-up a calendar of events.



### **Local Internship Fair Schine Student Center, Panasci Lounge September 18, 11am-2pm**

The Syracuse University Local Internship Fair is the premier event for local organizations to connect with SU students about internship opportunities in Central New York.

In past years, more than 800 students have attended the Local Internship Fair, spanning a broad range of academic programs: accounting, architecture, engineering, marketing, political science, psychology, public relations, and more.

The Syracuse University Local Internship Fair is a free event for both employers and students. For a list of participating employers, click [here](#) or visit the [event website](#).



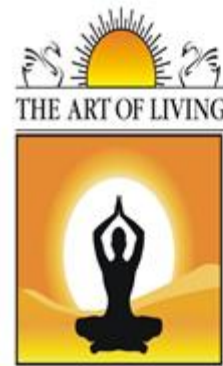
### **Art of Living Free Group Meditation**



**Life Science Building, Rm 105  
September 20, 6pm**

The rest in meditation is deeper than the deepest sleep that you can ever have. When the mind becomes free from agitation, is calm and serene and at peace, meditation happens. Meditation can relax your mind, decrease stress, improve concentration, and increase overall feelings of well-being.

Learn about Art of Living Foundation which is accredited by UN and spread over 150 countries within a span of 28 years! The Art of Living is about self-improvement, empowerment, stress relief, better living, enthusiasm, building better relationships & much more. Meet the volunteers who love to share what they have learned.



You are  
Invited:  
Free  
Student  
Group  
Meditation

Sponsored by Syracuse Art of Living

Friday, 9/13 6:00 PM  
Life Sciences, Room 105

*Finding strength and freedom? Want to 'roll down' in the gentle  
hug of the day?  
De-stress yourself with this Guided Meditation, sponsored by  
Syracuse Art of Living*

## Cultural and Community Events

**Open Hand Theater's  
International Arts & Puppet Festival  
September 14, 11am-4pm**

This great event is designed for the whole family and features FREE performances, puppetry, storytelling, dance and music presenting traveling puppetry companies such as Catskill Puppet Theatre and Purple Rock Productions with great local talents such as Syracuse University's Brazilian Ensemble and the Seneca String Quartet.

The festival's "Big Event" is the Giant Puppet Circus at 2 p.m. It includes thirty local children performing with Open Hand's signature giant puppets.

For directions and a schedule of events, please visit the [festival website](#).



**Central New York  
Short Film Festival  
September 14, 6:30pm - 10pm**

The 1st [Central New York Short Film Festival](#) (CNYSFF) will take place outside the new SALT District Gallery at 113 Otisco St. in Syracuse, New York. Featured will be short films created by filmmakers in the Central New York Region. There is no cost to submit short films to the festival.

CNYSFF believes that to build a stronger community, you have to first start with the arts. They are looking for as many entries as possible. This is the first year of the Film Festival and they are all very excited to see what happens this year.



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## **Festa Italiana** **September 13-15**

Located in front of city hall at Washington & Montgomery streets, this event includes children's activities, a bocce tournament, a cookbook sale, outdoor Roman Catholic mass, a Festa Boutique, great food, fun, music & more!

The main stage features an on-going line up of entertainment for all ages, from local music and dance groups to feature acts.

Perhaps the largest draw to the festival is the food! Over 25 local restaurants and caterers will be selling pre-approved specialties.

For more information, please visit the [official website](#).



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### **Quotes to keep you thinking**

- "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." – **Pablo Picasso**
- "Our worst comes out when we behave like robots or professionals." – **Fernando Flores**
- "I think and think for months and years. Ninety-nine times, the conclusion is false. The hundredth time I am right." – **Albert Einstein**
- "We are formed and molded by our thoughts. Those whose minds are shaped by selfless thoughts give joy when they speak or act. Joy follows them like a shadow that never leaves them." – **Buddha**

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### **Stay informed about the latest news, important reminders and updates**



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